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### **GALLERY TALKS FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED AT THE CLEVELAND MUSEUM OF ART**

Special gallery talks for the hearing impaired at The Cleveland Museum of Art were well received during the Chardin exhibition earlier this year. Now, an ongoing series of free gallery talks for the hearing impaired, focusing on the Museum's permanent collection, begins on December 4, at 1:30 pm. Talks will be offered on the first Tuesday of each month, with the exception of January, when the talk will be on the second Tuesday.

Mark Johnson, instructor in the Department of Art History and Education at The Cleveland Museum of Art, will deliver each talk, with an interpreter from the Cleveland Hearing and Speech Center present to sign for the hearing impaired.

Topics for the free lectures, which will all be presented at 1:30 pm, at the Museum, include: The Art of Egypt, Greece, and Rome on December 4; Medieval Art on January 8; Renaissance and Baroque Art on February 5; Neoclassicism Through Impressionism on March 4; Contemporary Art on April 1; African and Oceanic Art on May 6; and Oriental Art on June 3.

Visitors may inquire at the Information Desk on the day of the lecture for the gallery location of each talk. For further information on this series of gallery talks for the hearing impaired, call the Museum's Department of Art History and Education at 421-7340.

The Museum's Department of Art History and Education is prepared to offer assistance to hearing impaired and other handicapped visitors. Tours and projects for the handicapped are planned according to individual needs and handicapped persons planning a Cleveland Museum of Art visit may request special services through Mrs. Bernice Spink at 421-7340, extension 375.

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